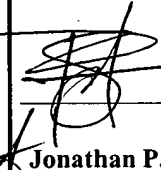
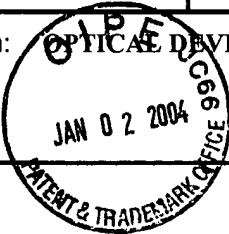



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In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.